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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas Patrick Ryan

Con of Serial No.: 09/591,328

**Examiner:** Unknown

Group Art Unit:Unknown

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

**For:**

## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING TISSUE

## APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [ ] design patent application in this case including:

1. ☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation; ☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/591,328 filed on June 9, 2000; which is a Continuation of prior application Serial No. 08/925,805 filed on September 9, 1997.
2. ☐ This application claims priority from Provisional Application No.         , filed                                 .
3. ☒ The application consisting of 20 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. ☒ 6 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
  - a. ☒ formal; or
  - b. ☐ informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. ☒ A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.
6. ☐ A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

The inventor is Thomas Patrick Ryan.
7. ☒ A copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application to Sherwood Services AG is enclosed
8. ☒ The Application filing fee is calculated below.

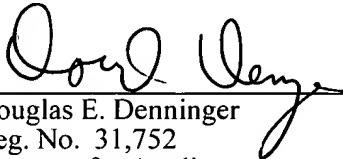
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10. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. **TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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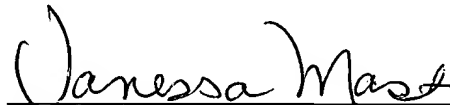
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